## REMARKS

On August 6, 2004, Applicants filed a Response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2004. The August 6, 2004 Response includes a marked up version of the amendments to the specification and claims. However, all changes to the specification and claims in the August 6<sup>th</sup> Response, including additions and deletions, are depicted in a font that is different from the remainder of the August 6<sup>th</sup> Response. Further, the amendments to the claims do not commence on a separate sheet of the Response.

In the event that the amendments to the specification and claims of the August 6<sup>th</sup> Response are not entered for non-compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the present Supplemental Response is hereby provided. In particular, the present Supplemental Response amends the specification and claims similar to that of the August 6<sup>th</sup> Response, but differs to the extent that the font of the amendments is the same as the remainder of the Supplemental Response and the amendments to the claims commence on a separate sheet of the Supplemental Response.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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